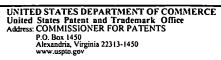


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Continuation of 2. NOTE: The argument put forward by the applicant has not placed the claimed invention in the condition for allowance. The argument put forward is not substantially different than what was argued in the last amendment filed by the applicant on 8 May 2003. The applicant argument is directed at he alleged difference that is "without communication with a remote center." and the prior art of record Lee. It is clear that Lee reference does not communicate with a central authority once the vault (PCMCI card) is present which contains all the elements the applicant has pointed out in the claim. What is described in the applicant's argument, as a distinguishing element is clearly identical to the Lee reference as one can observe by reviewing the applicant's figures 3 and 4 in the application and the specification. The two figures clearly disclose presence of IC cards, PCs and the relationship between revenue generating stamp system and the component discussed in the Lee system. Therefore the examiner disagrees with the applicant on the argument that the claims merit allowable subject matter.